



DECEMBER

2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	Dec 7 th	P1 Christmas Show 1pm
Thur	Dec 8 th	Parent -Teacher meetings. <u>School closed for children.</u>
Fri	Dec 9 th	<u>Children's Christmas Dinner</u>
Tue	Dec 13 th	P1 children singing at the Ambassador Nursing Home
Wed	Dec 14 th	P3 Christmas Show 1pm
Thur	Dec 15 th	Open Day 10.00am for new P1 applicants
Tue	Dec 20 th	P3 children singing at the Ambassador Nursing Home
Tue	Dec 20 th	P4-P7 Cinema Trip
Wed	Dec 21 st	P1-P3 Cinema Trip
Wed	Dec 21 st	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church
Wed	Dec 21 st	School canteen closed. <u>No school dinners served.</u>
Thur	Dec 22 nd	School finishes 12 noon (no dinners)
Thur	Jan 5 th 2017	Staff Development Day (school closed for children)
Fri	Jan 6 th 2017	Staff Development Day (school closed for children)
Mon	Jan 9 th 2017	School reopens for pupils
Wed	Jan 18 th 2017	P7 Service of Light and Commitment in St Therese of Lisieux Church 7pm
Thur	Feb 2 nd 2017	Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 11 am

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Please make every effort to attend at the agreed time.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

December is a really busy month with children taking part in different celebrations as we move towards Christmas. We hope to see our **P1** and **P3** parents at the **Christmas Concerts**.

The P1 and P3 children will also be singing at the Ambassador Nursing Home to entertain the residents later in the month.

Parents of children in P5 – P7 are also warmly invited to our **KS2 Carol Service** in St Therese of Lisieux Church on Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm. The wonderful music and singing from the children is always a most uplifting experience and reminds us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

We would like to thank Mr & Mrs McCready who donated a lovely Christmas Hamper to be raffled among the children. Tickets are already on sale at 50p each. The draw will take place on 21st December, so still lots of time to buy a ticket!

CINEMA TRIP

We have organised a cinema trip for all classes as reward for an excellent term's work. Further details will be sent out nearer the date.

ORCHESTRA

Coming up to Christmas the school orchestra is invited to perform at various events. The Senior Ensemble have already performed at the Fortwilliam and Macrory Interdenominational Carol Service and will be playing at local residential homes later this month. It is clear that they are all very committed and talented musicians.

OPEN DAY

Parents of prospective P1 children are invited to our Open Day on Thur Dec 15th to meet the staff and have a tour of the school. Application forms are now available from the school office and will also be available on the Open Day.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on or before Wednesday 11th January 2017. Any applications received after this date and time will be considered as late. **All applications must be accompanied by proof of residence (eg utility bill).**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A full Christmas Dinner, including turkey, ham and all the trimmings, will be available for all children on Fri Dec 9th costing £2.50. This must be ordered and paid for in advance.

Please note that the canteen is closing for Christmas on Tue Dec 20th so all children need to bring a packed lunch on Wed Dec 21st.

ASSEMBLY

Mrs McDaniels P4 class will present assembly on Fri Jan 27th.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Each year the children donate hampers of food to those in need through St Vincent de Paul. Non-perishable food items are much appreciated and can be sent in to school before Thur Dec 15th.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Children's afterschool activities have finished for the term. However, the 123 Club and Breakfast Club will continue until Tue Dec 20th.

Boot Camp, Knit and Chat and Flower Arranging will continue until Dec 13th.

THE GOLDEN MILE

Miss Mc Mullan's P5 class are participating in a new exercise initiative called The Golden Mile. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health initiative aiming to inspire and encourage the children through physical activity with the focus on fun and rewarding personal achievement. Each pupil can choose to run, jog, or simply walk and chat to their friends whilst travelling around the Golden Mile track at the start of every day. We've challenged the pupils to complete a total of 50 golden miles by the end of the year and we wish them every success in their challenge.

DAVY WILSON FOOTBALL CUP

The boys football team took on Victoria Park PS in the Davy Wilson 7-a-side cup at Inverary Park on a cold and windy Tuesday. Despite the conditions, both teams served up a great display of committed end to end football. Whilst both teams created chances, Victoria Park just managed to take more of their chances to seal a 2-0 win. A great effort from our boys and a particular mention for Daniel Duffin who gave an outstanding display in goals which was appreciated by both teams and all supporters who attended

PE UNIFORM

PE uniform consists of **dark** trainers, plain navy jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt. The uniform is available from Truly Fare. You can contact them at 90614447/ 90236374 or email trulyfareschoolware@gmail.com. PE uniform should be worn on the day your child is timetabled for PE. ***NB Normal school uniform must be worn on all other days.***

POST PRIMARY OPEN DAYS

Post Primary OpenDays/Evenings will be taking place next month. A list has already been sent home with the P7 pupils.

TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter to hear the latest news- <https://twitter.com/TheresePS>

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND MASS

All children from Primary 3 age are encouraged to come along to Holy Family Youth Choir and to take part in the Christmas Day Children's Mass. (10am Christmas Morning) To prepare for this, rehearsals are being held on Sun 11th and 18th December, from 4pm - 5pm, in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road. Please encourage your child to take part, and bring their friends!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Congratulations to our P3 and P4 children who participated so well in their recent Enrolment Services for First Confession and First Holy Communion respectively. Our prayers are with the children as they continue on their faith journeys over the next few months. **First Confession will take place on Thurs April 6th at 1.00pm in St Therese Church and First Holy Communion will be on Sat June 3rd at 10.00am in St Therese Church.**

Parents and P7 children attended a pre-sacramental meeting during which the children had the opportunity to meet with their Faith Friends for the first time and parents had the opportunity to explore what the children will be doing in preparation for this very important sacrament. **The Service of Light and Commitment is on Wed Jan 18th at 7pm in St Therese of Lisieux church and Confirmation is on Thurs Feb 2nd at 11am in Holy Family Church.**

COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to all of the children from P4 -P7 who took part in our 'Anti-bullying Poster' Competition. The entries were so creative, colourful and unique it was extremely difficult to pick winners.

Also, congratulations to Cailean Carter and Declan Taylor from Mr Coyle's class who were winners in a competition to design a mascot for the Belfast Baking Company and won cupcakes for all of the P5s.

PTA

The Christmas Disco will be on Thur Dec 15th.

P1-P3 6-7pm
P4-P7 7.15-8.30pm

Santa is going to try very hard to make the time to meet the boys and girls of St Therese at the disco, so make sure to put the date in your calendar.

The PTA would welcome help from parents/ grandparents to prepare for the disco and to help supervise on the night! They are also going to have a cake sale at the disco so donations of home baking will be much appreciated.

CHILD PROTECTION CONSULTATION

We would like to hear your views on our updated Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. You can read the new draft in the Policies section on our website, under the 'About' tab. Let us know what you think by completing a short questionnaire.